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PROVIDER NOTICE 00-06

TO: All Providers

SUBJECT: Outdated Claims Review Change

The Alabama Medicaid Agency has modified its procedures regarding administrative review of outdated claims. (Exceptions include claims submitted by Prepaid Health Plans, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Provider-Based Rural Health Clinics and HCBS Waiver providers because different filing limits apply due to cost settlements). The changes are designed to allow providers to resubmit for review and payment claims possibly affected by the implementation of the new EDS system, which began in September 1999. Receipt of clean claims within the time periods listed in the table below will be considered as a timely request for review, and the claims will be processed for payment under normal Medicaid criteria and procedures. Clean claims must be received within the time periods listed in order for the extended limits to be effective. A clean claim is a claim that can be processed for payment or denied without obtaining additional information from the provider. The Agency therefore suggests that oldest claims be worked first. Claims submitted electronically will receive up-front reviews for most possible errors. Claims submitted on paper will have no up-front reviews and must be scanned or keyed by EDS, which slows down ultimate processing for payment.

Please review your EOPs during this time period and address any claims which failed to pay and determine if corrections can be made to allow them to reprocess before the applicable deadline ends.

Dates of Service	Extended Deadline for Submission
September 1, 1998 thru January 31, 1999	August 31, 2000
February 1, 1999 thru April 30, 1999	September 30, 2000
May 1, 1999 thru July 31, 1999	October 31, 2000
August 1, 1999 thru November 30, 1999	November 30, 2000

Note: It is imperative that you address your oldest claims first during this time. Claims for dates of service September 1998 through January 1999 will only be accepted through August 31, 2000. Claims with dates of service within the aforementioned time span will not be accepted after the extended deadline listed above.

These procedures only apply through November 30, 2000. Effective December 1, 2000 the one-year filing limit as defined in Chapter 5, page 6 and the administrative review procedures in Chapter 7, page 5 of the Alabama Medicaid Provider Manual will apply.

W. Dale Walley, Acting Commissioner

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REMINDER: All Medicaid recipients are required to present proper identification to a provider of medical care or service. Providers must verify eligibility before providing treatment or service under the Medicaid Program.
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